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ABSTRACT

Operator control element for electronic equipment used for actuating sensors and a method for selecting functions contained in an electronic memory and for displaying the selected function using a cursor. The task to develop a control element for actuating sensors as well as a method for the selection of functions contained in an electronic memory by means of the control element and for the cursor display of the functions selected with the control element was solved by having a control element shaped like a disc and being tiltable across an axis vertical to the surface of the control element and equipped with sensors reacting to a push or pull strain at the underside, the control element at its underside being equipped with ring-shaped spring elements that react to pressure and are coaxially arranged in a specified distance to its axis.